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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2006, the term for response to which expires on June 10, 2006 (Saturday) which is automatically extended to Monday June 12, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8 and 17 are amended; claims 2, 6 and 9 are maintained; claims 10-16, 18 and 19 are canceled; and claims 20-22 are added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on <u>June 12, 2006</u>

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